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Sir:

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. German Patent Laid-Open No. 31 28 502 A1.
2. Japanese Utility Model Provisional Publication 06-086244.

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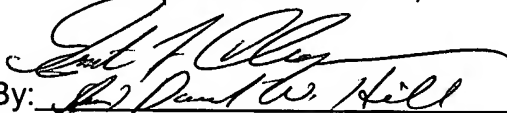
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